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1. Applicant's arguments filed 2/21/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Applicant asserts that Yoshihiro does not teach the newly amended limitation "a light leading portion provided integrally at the peripheral edge of the dial where the hands are not located above immediately." This argument is not persuasive. The light leading portion of the embodiment of figure 2 is provided at a periphery edge of the dial where the hands are not located above immediately.
3. Applicant states that the technical idea of the invention is different from that of Yoshihiro. This is not persuasive. The Yoshihiro reference is consistent with the definition of the invention as set forth in the claims.

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